TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2680 - SB 2687

February 9, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any health care plan established through an American Health Benefit Exchange or Small Business Health Options Program pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act from offering benefit coverage for abortion services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has not passed at this time. Depending on the scope of legislation that may pass, the provisions of this bill could result in a significant fiscal impact resulting from mandated changes in the TennCare program or sanctions imposed against the state for not meeting mandated federal regulation requirements. An estimated fiscal impact is not possible at this time.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance does not foresee a significant change in current insurance policy review procedures. Any adjustments to these procedures will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Currently, the TennCare program reimburses for abortions in the cases of rape or incest as required by current federal law. Changes to this based on federal health care reform could result in a fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director